

Sinclair Broadcasting's forcing their stations to air an anti-Kerry propoganda documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest not their political bias. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. What Sinclair is about to do is an action we expected from the old Soviet Union or worse yet the propaganda that characterized Nazi Germany. Thank you.